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Application No.: 09/576,187

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Leonard R. Hoffman et al.

Title: Method And System For  
Managing The Configuration  
Of An Evolving Engineering  
Design Using An Object-  
Oriented Database

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Appl. Filing Date: 05/23/2000

Examiner: G. Robinson

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September 11, 2003  
(Date of Deposit)

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**TRANSMITTAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
Box RCE  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)

## a. Previously submitted:

- ☒ Please enter and consider the amendment/reply previously filed on 7/24/03.
- ☐ Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on      but not considered.
- ☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on     .

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b. Enclosed are:

- ☒ Copy of Amendment/Reply previously submitted on 7/24/03.
- ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ Form PTO-1449 with copies of \_\_\_\_ listed reference(s).
- ☐ Other .

Miscellaneous:

- ☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

|  | Claims<br>as<br>Amended |   | Previously<br>Paid For |   | Extra<br>Claims<br>Present |   | Rate     |   | Fee Totals |
|--|-------------------------|---|------------------------|---|----------------------------|---|----------|---|------------|
| RCE Fee<br>1.17(e)                                   |                         |   |                        |   |                            |   | \$750.00 |   | \$750.00   |
| Total Claims:  | 16                      | X | 20                     | = | 0                          | X | \$18.00  | = | \$0.00     |
| Independents:  | 5                       | X | 5                      | = | 0                          | X | \$84.00  | = | \$0.00     |
| First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims: |                         |   |                        |   |                            | + | \$280.00 | = | \$0.00     |
| CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:                                    |                         |   |                        |   |                            |   |          | = | \$750.00   |

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- [ X ] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

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| [ X ] Extension for response filed within the first month:    | \$110.00   | \$110.00 |
| [ ] Extension for response filed within the second month:     | \$410.00   | \$0.00   |
| [ ] Extension for response filed within the third month:      | \$930.00   | \$0.00   |
| [ ] Extension for response filed within the fourth month:     | \$1,450.00 | \$0.00   |
| [ ] Extension for response filed within the fifth month:      | \$1,970.00 | \$0.00   |
| EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:  |            | \$110.00 |
| CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:                               |            | \$860.00 |
| [ ] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract 1/3 of above):          |            | \$0.00   |
| [ ] Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) |            | \$0.00   |
| TOTAL FEE:  |            | \$860.00 |

- [ X ] Please charge Deposit Account No. 18-1722 in the amount of \$860.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.
- [ X ] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1722. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 18-1722.

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